

# MARICOPA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) SITUATION REPORT

**Report #** 6                      **Date/Time** 6/25/05 8:00 p.m. – 6/26/05 8:00 a.m.

**Type of Occurrence:** Wildland Fires – Cave Creek Complex

**Locations Affected:** Scottsdale, Tonto National Forest, Tonto Hills, Bartlett Lake

<b>Maricopa County EOC Activated:</b>  <b>Date/Time:</b> <u>6/22/05, 4:00 p.m.</u>  <b>Hours of Operation:</b> <u>On standby as of 6/26/04, 10:30 a.m.</u>	<b>ESFs Activated:</b> Fire, Law Enforcement. Mass Care and Animal Care have been deactivated.
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CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AFFECTED
<b>Major Roads/Bridges:</b> None
<b>Hospitals:</b> None
<b>Schools:</b> None
<b>Key Government Offices:</b> None
<b>Other:</b> None

UTILITY STATUS
<b>Electricity:</b> Between 1620 and 2100 hrs the WAPA 345 KV power lines shut down 3-4 times due to arcing caused by smoke and soot. The line may be shut down today at the request of the Forest Service if necessary. No local problems should be experienced, but customers elsewhere may be affected. SRP and APS report they have enough power with local resources to offset any loss of power through any WAPA transmission.
<b>Gas:</b> Unaffected
<b>Water/Sewer:</b> Unaffected
<b>Telephone:</b> Unaffected
<b>Other:</b> None

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS	
<b>Cities/Towns:</b> None <hr/> Date: _____ <hr/> Date: _____	<b>Comments:</b>  <b>Comments:</b>
<b>Maricopa County:</b> Date: June 23, 2005 <hr/> <b>State:</b> Date: N/A <hr/> <b>Federal:</b> Date: _____	<b>Comments:</b>  <b>Comments:</b>  <b>Comments:</b> This incident is covered under a Federal Fire Suppression Grant.

EVACUATIONS		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Date/Time Ordered</u>	<u>Date/Time Terminated</u>
Camp Creek	22 June/Approx. 1400 hrs	
Tonto Hills	22 June/2000 hrs	23 June 2000. Residents were allowed to return
Bartlett Lake	23 June/1800	

SHELTERS			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># Registered</u>	<u># of Occupants in Shelter</u>
Desert Arroyo Middle School	56 <sup>th</sup> St & Cave Creek Road	Closed	Closed

**Summary of Situation:**

Fire activity for today will be more active than the last two days. High winds with expected gusts of 30 mph and low humidity (7-10%) have created extreme conditions. Sunday morning's fire behavior started earlier in the day with wide plumes, tall smoke columns and an increased movement speed of 1-2 miles per hour. Seventy-nine thousand acres have been burned by Sunday morning according to infrared imagery with reported 20% containment. Today's concentration will be near Tangle Creek on the northwest

side of the fire by White Rock and Frog Springs with the intent of keeping the fire out of the Bloody Basin area. Air assets will be concentrated on the northern flank with fewer resources available on the southern edge. The fire appears to be following the general path of the 345 kv WAPA line near Holmes Canyon on the west side to East Cedar Mountain on the east side. The WAPA line will be de-energized at the request of the Forest Service if necessary to prevent arcing caused by soot and smoke and for safety consideration. Although the loss of energy from those lines does not directly affect the Valley, other customer may be affected if hot temperatures continue. On the east side, fire is moving toward Horseshoe reservoir and efforts are being made to contain further progress. No structures are being threatened.

The Broad and Lousy fires, managed by the Jeff Whitney Type 1 Fire Team, are both contained. Aerial surveillance, to monitor hot spots of those locations continues.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Post, located at the intersection of Bartlett Lake Road and Cave Creek Road, continues to provide coordination of MCSO, sheriff's posse, and animal rescue resources. The Bartlett Lake Road is closed and will remain closed throughout the weekend.

Red Cross officials are operating a service center at Desert Arroyo Middle School today. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Type 1 Fire Team with Jeff Whitney as Incident Manager is managing the operation from its Incident Command post located at the Desert Sonoran Middle School in Cave Creek.

The Maricopa County EOC will be on a standby status for the rest of the weekend, but a liaison officer from the County EOC will be on-scene to coordinate resources with the Type I incident Management Team. The department duty officer can be reached at 602-273-1411.

A web site has been established for the public to monitor the situation. Website is [www.fireteam-sw.com](http://www.fireteam-sw.com). Click on Whitney Incident Management Team.

A public information line, staffed by U.S. Forest Service and MCSO personnel, has been established. The number is 480-437-1422.

The activation status of the county EOC is posted on the department's website at [www.maricopa.gov/emerg\\_mgt/default.aspx](http://www.maricopa.gov/emerg_mgt/default.aspx). Situation reports are also posted on the website.

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